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Figure 1: A plot of the function  $f(x)$  versus  $x$ . The function is a smooth, concave-down curve that starts at the origin (0,0) and increases to a maximum value of approximately 1.5 at  $x \approx 1.5$ , before decreasing. The x-axis ranges from 0 to 2.5, and the y-axis ranges from 0 to 2.0.

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Detailed Description of the Invention--

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[In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a schematic representation of one embodiment of apparatus useful in accordance with the invention;

Fig. 2 comprises plots of microbubble concentration against infusion time for the *in vitro* test system described in Example 6 hereinafter and for a comparative study using a horizontally positioned syringe; and

Fig. 3 comprises plots of echogenicity against time obtained in accordance with the *in vivo* studies described in Example 15 hereinafter.

Referring to Fig. 1 in more detail, syringe driver 1 (detail not shown) is adapted to receive vertically positioned syringe 2 and controllably to drive syringe plunger 3 in an upward direction so as to expel dispersion 4 through delivery outlet 5 at the upper extremity of the syringe. Three way stopcock 6 connects outlet 5 and feed 7 from saline infusion minibag 8 to conduit tube 9 which is connected *via* Luer lock 10 to infusion feed line 11, which in turn is connectable to an injection needle or catheter (not shown). The flow rate of dispersion is controllable by adjusting syringe driver 1. The flow rate of

saline from minibag 8 is controllable by adjusting one or more of stopcock 6, valve 12 and the height of the minibag.

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Please amend page 13, line 1, by inserting the following heading and paragraph:

--Examples

The following examples illustrate certain preferred embodiments of the instant invention but are not intended to be illustrative of all embodiments.--

Please amend page 16, line 21, by inserting the following paragraph:

-- It is apparent that many modifications and variations of the invention as hereinabove set forth may be made without departing from the spirit and scope thereof. The specific embodiments described are given by way of example only, and the invention is limited only by the terms of the appended claims.--

#### In the Claims

Please amend page 17, line 1, as follows:

[Claims]What is claimed is:

Please cancel claim 18, without prejudice.